



Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

Cooperating with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Idaho Field Office • PO Box 1699 • Boise, Idaho 83701

(800) 691-9987 • (208) 334-1507 • (208) 334-1114 FAX • www.nass.usda.gov



Released: February 25, 2011

Media Contact: Vince Matthews

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 2010 Bee and Honey Inquiry. Total Honey production, yield per colony and average price per pound are reported for Idaho and the U.S.

For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ralph V. Matthews

*Vince Matthews
Director*

Idaho Honey Production Increased 32 Percent

Idaho honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.65 million pounds, a 44 percent decrease from 2009. Honey producing colonies are estimated at 98,000 colonies, down 5,000 colonies from last year. Yield per colony averaged 27 pounds, down 19 pounds from 2009. Producer honey stocks were 1.19 million pounds on December 15, 2010, a decrease of 30 percent from the previous year. The average honey price per pound was 150.0 cents, down two cents from a year ago.

Nationally, honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009.

Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private channels, and retail. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2009-2010

Color Class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>		<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>		<i>Cents Per Pounds</i>	
Water White, Extra White, White	142.6	156.2	252.6	293.7	144.0	158.3
Extra Light Amber	144.5	151.4	252.5	251.6	150.4	156.6
Light Amber, Amber, Dark Amber	135.1	148.2	291.4	329.2	148.2	164.1
All Other Honey, Area Specialties	179.8	171.7	414.3	433.5	247.9	205.0
All Honey	141.5	153.1	283.7	305.4	147.3	160.3

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price,
and Value by State and United States, 2010^{1/}**

State	Honey Producing Colonies ^{2/}	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}	Average Price per Pound ^{4/}	Value of Production ^{5/}
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Alabama	9	54	486	73	222	1,079
Arizona	24	77	1,848	665	143	2,643
Arkansas	25	60	1,500	360	147	2,205
California	410	67	27,470	6,318	156	42,853
Colorado	34	56	1,904	533	150	2,856
Florida	200	69	13,800	1,794	157	21,666
Georgia	55	46	2,530	152	167	4,225
Hawaii	10	77	770	239	227	1,748
Idaho	98	27	2,646	1,191	150	3,969
Illinois	9	41	369	92	305	1,125
Indiana	10	43	430	151	226	972
Iowa	27	49	1,323	463	189	2,500
Kansas	9	52	468	103	229	1,072
Kentucky	5	67	335	67	264	884
Louisiana	21	80	1,680	269	148	2,486
Maine	6	41	246	39	211	519
Michigan	70	58	4,060	1,502	164	6,658
Minnesota	126	66	8,316	1,746	154	12,807
Mississippi	16	98	1,568	78	147	2,305
Missouri	11	52	572	92	180	1,030
Montana	157	74	11,618	2,905	155	18,008
Nebraska	44	55	2,420	1,041	149	3,606
New Jersey	13	35	455	73	175	796
New Mexico	7	66	462	157	158	730
New York	47	64	3,008	1,173	178	5,354
North Carolina	13	46	598	138	273	1,633
North Dakota	510	91	46,410	12,995	151	70,079
Ohio	17	62	1,054	327	223	2,350
Oregon	59	39	2,301	874	162	3,728
Pennsylvania	30	37	1,110	377	205	2,276
South Dakota	265	59	15,635	4,847	154	24,078
Tennessee	8	63	504	106	245	1,235
Texas	100	72	7,200	792	153	11,016
Utah	26	30	780	195	152	1,186
Vermont	4	65	260	73	221	575
Virginia	5	37	185	37	331	612
Washington	71	37	2,627	1,077	152	3,993
West Virginia	5	38	190	38	239	454
Wisconsin	68	64	4,352	1,654	167	7,268
Wyoming	34	36	1,224	282	160	1,958
Other States ^{6/ 7/}	26	46	1,190	219	256	3,046
US ^{7/ 8/}	2,684	66	175,904	45,307	160	281,974

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. 2/ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. 3/ Stocks held by producers. 4/ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. 5/ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. 6/ AK, CT, DE, MD, MA, NV, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 7/ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production. 8/ Summation of States will not equal U.S. level value of production.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

Your cooperation in completing agricultural surveys from this office is greatly **APPRECIATED**. Accurate, useful estimates are vital in decision making. All estimates derived from these surveys, along with other pertinent agricultural data, are published in our regular series of releases. All NASS reports are available free of charge on the worldwide Internet. For access, connect to the Internet and go to the NASS Home Page at: www.nass.usda.gov. If you have any questions or require additional information, you may reach us toll free at 1-800-691-9987.